WINTER HOLIDAYS

ALONG THE

GREAT BARRIER REEF

1941

HERON
LINDEMAN
SOUTH MOLLE

LONG
HAYMAN
DAY DREAM

DUNK
GREEN
MAGNETIC

For further Information and Bookings consult

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And at ROCKHAMPTON, TOWNSVILLE, and CAIRNS

NOTES.

CONCESSION rail fares are granted in connection with certain tours to the Great Barrier Reef when bookings are made through the Melbourne, Sydney and Queensland offices of the Queensland Government Tourist Bureau.

Tourists travelling by rail under the Tourist Interstate Rebooking system from Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney to Brisbane may use their deposits as part payment for rail transportation in Queensland when booking tours to Barrier Reef islands through the Queensland Government Tourist Bureau.

Air transport is available between these capitals and certain Queensland towns, from which launch services to the islands operate.

Concessions are allowed on launch transportation and accommodation tariffs at several of the island resorts to parties and teachers. Particulars will be supplied on request.

Folders descriptive of the island resorts mentioned in this publication also schedules of connecting train and launch services will be supplied free on request.

The tours outlined in this publication are based on schedules and costs in operation at the respective island resorts during the period 1st May to 30th September. Particulars of tours to island resorts prior to 1st May and after 30th September will be supplied on application.

All schedules in this publication have been arranged to conform to anticipated transportation services. The Queensland Government Tourist Bureau acts as a booking agency for the tours advertised herein and accepts no responsibility for alterations, amendments, or cancellation of schedules or costs, or liability for expense or inconvenience to clients owing to circumstances beyond its control.

TIMETABLES OF TRAINS

BRISBANE TO CAIRNS AND RETURN

(Via the Sunshine Route.)

SUNSHINE EXPRESSES.

NORTHWARD.

Miles				
..	**Roma St.**	dep.	p.m. 8.0	**Sun., Tues., Thurs.**
328	**Gladstone**	arr.	a.m. 8.55	Mo., We., Fr. Breakfast
	Ditto ..	dep.	9.15	
396	R'hampton	arr.	11.35	Refreshments
	Ditto ..	dep.	p.m. 12.5	Lunch and Dinner in diner
598	**Mackay**	arr.	7.50	
	Ditto ..	dep.	8.15	
673	**Proserpine**	arr.	11.5	
	Ditto ..	dep.	11.15	
832	**Townsville**	arr.	a.m. 6.30	Tu. Th. Sat. Breakfast
	Ditto ..	dep.	7.30	
933	Cardwell	arr.	11.30	Lunch
	Ditto ..	dep.	11.50	
959	**Tully** ..	arr.	p.m. 12.50	
	Ditto ..	dep.	1.0	
1043	**Cairns** ..	arr.	4.50	Detrain

SOUTHWARD.

Miles				
..	**Cairns** ..	dep.	a.m. 10.0	**Mon., Wed., Fri.**
84	**Tully** ..	arr.	p.m. 1.35	
	Ditto ..	dep.	1.50	
111	Cardwell	arr.	2.50	Lunch
	Ditto ..	dep.	3.10	
211	**Townsville**	arr.	7.5	Dinner
	Ditto ..	dep.	8.0	
370	**Proserpine**	arr.	a.m. 3.15	Tu., Th., Sat.
	Ditto ..	dep.	3.25	
445	**Mackay**	arr.	6.20	
	Ditto ..	dep.	6.45	Breakfast and lunch in diner
647	R'hampton	arr.	p.m. 1.58	
	Ditto ..	dep.	2.20	
716	**Gladstone**	arr.	4.45	Dinner
	Ditto ..	dep.	5.5	
1043	**Roma St.**	arr.	a.m. 6.20	Wed., Fr., Su.

ADDITIONAL TRAINS BETWEEN BRISBANE AND CAIRNS.

Roma Street	dep.	8.0	p.m.	**Mon., Wed., * Fri.**
Gladstone ..	arr.	8.55	a.m.	Tues.
		9.20	a.m.	Thurs., Sat.
	dep.	9.15	a.m.	Tues.
		9.40	a.m.	Thurs., Sat.
Townsville ..	arr.	6.30	a.m.	Wed.
		7.30	a.m.	Fri., Sun.
	dep.	8.0	a.m.	Wed., Fri., Mon.
Cairns ..	arr.	6.0	p.m.	Wed., Fri., Mon.

Cairns ..	dep.	7.50	a.m.	***Tu., Th., Sat.**
Townsville ..	arr.	6.10	p.m.	Tu., Th., Sat.
	dep.	7.0	p.m.	Tues., Sun.
		8.0	p.m.	Thurs.
Rockhampton	arr.	12.55	p.m.	Wed., Mon.
		1.58	p.m.	Fri.
	dep.	1.30	p.m.	Wed., Mon.
		2.20	p.m.	Fri.
Roma Street	arr.	6.20	a.m.	Th., Sat., Tues.

* Sunshine Express to and from Townsville.

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BRISBANE TO ROCKHAMPTON AND RETURN

Roma St.	dep.	9.0	p.m.	Su., Mo., Tu., Th.
Bundaberg	arr.	6.55	a.m.	Mo., Tu., We., Fri. Breakfast.
Ditto	dep.	7.15	a.m.	
Gladstone	arr.	11.40	a.m.	
Ditto.	dep.	12.0	noon	
R'hampton	arr.	2.55	p.m.	

R'hampton	dep.	12.15	p.m.	Tu., Th., Fri., Sat.
Gladstone	arr.	2.55	p.m.	
Ditto.	dep.	3.10	p.m.	
Bundaberg	arr.	7.40	p.m.	Dinner.
Ditto.	dep.	8.0	p.m.	
Roma St.	arr.	6.0	a.m.	We., Fri., Sat., Sun.

Rockhampton passengers may travel on the Brisbane-Cairns Mail Train ex Brisbane at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays and from Rockhampton to Brisbane on the Cairns-Brisbane Mail Train ex Rockhampton at 1.30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

NOTES.

Plunge and shower baths with hot and cold water services are available to train travellers at moderate charges at Brisbane, Rockhampton, and Townsville stations. Application should be made at the Railway Refreshment Rooms. The observation car attached to the rear of the Brisbane-Cairns and Cairns-Brisbane mail trains may be used by first-class sleeping car passengers without extra charge. A dining-car is attached to the trains between Rockhampton and Mackay.

TIMETABLES SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT NOTICE.

WEEKLY INCLUSIVE TOURS TO ISLANDS OF THE GREAT BARRIER CORAL REEFS.

Via the Sunshine Route.

HERON ISLAND.

Via Gladstone.

SEVEN DAYS' TOUR, LEAVING GLADSTONE ON SATURDAYS.

INCLUSIVE COSTS.

From—		Days Occupied.	1st Class Rail. £	s.	d.	2nd Class Rail. £	s.	d.
BRISBANE	Friday	9	15	11	0	12	17	0
SYDNEY	Thursday	11	24	8	9	17	14	9
MELBOURNE	Wednesday	13	31	9	6	21	11	9

LINDEMAN ISLAND.

Via Mackay.

SEVEN DAYS' TOUR, LEAVING MACKAY ON TUESDAYS.

INCLUSIVE COSTS.

From—		Days Occupied.	1st Class Rail. £	s.	d.	2nd Class Rail. £	s.	d.
BRISBANE	Sunday	11	19	2	6	15	5	6
SYDNEY	Saturday	13	28	0	3	20	3	3
MELBOURNE	Friday	15	35	1	0	24	0	3

If cruising is not included, the above inclusive costs will be reduced by £2 2s.

LONG ISLAND.

Via Proserpine.

SEVEN DAYS' TOUR, LEAVING PROSERPINE ON TUESDAYS.

INCLUSIVE COSTS.

From—		Days Occupied.	1st Class Rail. £	s.	d.	2nd Class Rail. £	s.	d.
BRISBANE	Sunday	11	16	0	6	12	2	0
SYDNEY	Saturday	13	24	18	3	16	19	9
MELBOURNE	Friday	15	31	19	0	20	16	9

Cruising is not included in the abovementioned costs.

SOUTH MOLLE ISLAND.

Via Proserpine.

SEVEN DAYS' TOUR, LEAVING PROSERPINE ON TUESDAYS.

INCLUSIVE COSTS.

From—		Days Occupied.	1st Class Rail. £	s.	d.	2nd Class Rail. £	s.	d.
BRISBANE	Sunday	11	18	10	6	14	12	0
SYDNEY	Saturday	13	27	8	3	19	9	9
MELBOURNE	Friday	15	34	9	0	23	6	9

If cruising is not desired, the above inclusive costs will be reduced by £1 10s.

DAY DREAM ISLAND.

Via Proserpine.

SEVEN DAYS' TOUR, LEAVING PROSERPINE ON TUESDAYS.

INCLUSIVE COSTS.

From—		Days Occupied.	1st Class Rail. £	s.	d.	2nd Class Rail. £	s.	d.
BRISBANE	Sunday	11	17	0	6	13	2	0
SYDNEY	Saturday	13	25	18	3	17	19	9
MELBOURNE	Friday	15	32	19	0	21	16	9

Cruising is not included in the above inclusive costs and may be arranged at the rate of 5s. per day.

HAYMAN ISLAND.

Via Proserpine.

SEVEN DAYS' TOUR, LEAVING PROSERPINE ON TUESDAYS.

INCLUSIVE COSTS.

From—		Days Occupied.	1st Class Rail. £	s.	d.	2nd Class Rail. £	s.	d.
BRISBANE	Sunday	11	17	15	6	13	17	0
SYDNEY	Saturday	13	26	13	3	18	14	9
MELBOURNE	Friday	15	33	14	0	22	11	9

If cruising is not included, the above costs will be reduced by £1 6s.

DUNK ISLAND.

Via Tully.

SEVEN DAYS' TOUR, LEAVING TULLY ON TUESDAYS.

INCLUSIVE COSTS.

From—		Days Occupied.	1st Class Rail. £	s.	d.	2nd Class Rail. £	s.	d.
BRISBANE	Sunday	11	19	11	6	13	9	0
SYDNEY	Saturday	13	28	9	3	18	6	9
MELBOURNE	Friday	15	35	10	0	22	3	9

Cruising is not included in the abovementioned costs.

MAGNETIC ISLAND.

Via Townsville.

SEVEN DAYS' TOUR, LEAVING TOWNSVILLE DAILY.

INCLUSIVE COSTS.

From—	Days Occupied.	First Class Rail. £	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	2nd Class Rail. £	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
BRISBANE	12	From 18	18	0	to	20	13	0	From 12	1	0	to	13	16	0
SYDNEY	14	From 27	15	9	to	29	10	9	From 16	18	9	to	18	13	9
MELBOURNE	16	From 34	16	6	to	36	11	6	From 20	15	9	to	22	10	9

Note.—Taxis, meals, and/or accommodation in Townsville while waiting connecting services are NOT included in the above amounts. Full particulars of these additional costs will be supplied on application.

Tourists may travel by ship from Melbourne, Sydney, or Brisbane to Townsville, thence by launch to Magnetic Island. Particulars of service and costs will be supplied on request.

GREEN ISLAND.

Via Cairns.

SEVEN DAYS' TOUR, LEAVING CAIRNS ON SUNDAYS.

INCLUSIVE COSTS.

From—		Days Occupied.	1st Class Rail. £	s.	d.	2nd Class Rail. £	s.	d.
BRISBANE	Thursday	14	19	18	0	11	19	0
SYDNEY	Wednesday	16	28	15	9	16	16	9
MELBOURNE	Tuesday	18	35	16	6	20	13	9

NOTE.—Taxis and accommodation in Cairns while waiting connecting services are NOT included in the above amounts. Full particulars of these additional costs will be supplied on application.

NOTES.

The inclusive costs cover rail and launch transportation to and from the Islands, with railway sleeping berths (throughout if 1st Class, Queensland only if 2nd Class), and reserved seats where necessary, meals en route on trains in Queensland, meals and accommodation when necessary at places of embarkation and on the Islands for the periods shown, fishing and/or cruising (except where otherwise stated).

There are air services from the Southern States and Brisbane to Gladstone, Mackay, and Townsville, which may be used in conjunction with the tours. Costs will be supplied on application.

Concession rates are applied to some tours for teachers, students, and parties, and particulars will be supplied on request.

SUGGESTIONS TO TOURISTS VISITING ISLAND RESORTS.

CLIMATE

The average temperature from May to September ranges from 53 degrees minimum to 75 degrees maximum at the southern extremity of the Great Barrier Reef and from 64 degrees minimum to 81 degrees maximum at the northern end. Days are usually clear, crisp and sunny, but the mornings and evenings can be cold and warm jackets will be found necessary. During the winter months there are occasions when the wind blows from the south and at such times visitors on island resorts south of Magnetic Island require warm clothing. Visitors staying on Magnetic, Dunk or Green Islands will find that only a small quantity of warm clothing is required. Swimming and bathing in Barrier Reef waters is indulged in throughout the year.

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CLOTHING

There is no undue formality in the matter of dress at island resorts, comfort being the first consideration. Cruise costumes, beach wear, hiking outfits, and the usual sports attire are most appropriate for the out-of-doors. A rain coat is advisable at any period of the year in case of sudden rain squalls.

The following clothes suggestions are made:—Sports shirts, shorts (slacks or overalls if subject to sunburn), a wide-brimmed panama or straw hat or helmet, bathing costume, sandals or sandshoes, and if desired, old sandshoes or boots with tennis socks to protect the feet and ankles when wading on the coral reefs at Heron, Hayman, and Green Islands.

Good clothes and footwear should not be worn on launch trips to and from the islands and it is therefore advisable for tourists to carry suitable attire (slacks, shorts or overalls, sandshoes, etc.) in a small hand case and change into this attire before joining the launch.

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LUGGAGE

Owing to the difficulties associated with the transference of luggage, tourists are requested to reduce the quantity to a minimum, and are recommended not to use new and expensive baggage.

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WHAT TO TAKE

Tourists should remember that where there is only a regular service once weekly between the island and mainland, they should provide themselves with at least a week's supply of personal requisites. The following articles are suggested for inclusion:—Camera and films, electric torch, small first-aid kit (in case of cuts and scratches from coral), sun-glasses, gear for fishing, tennis racket, etc. (where island facilities cover such sport).

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LIQUOR LICENSES

The following island resorts have liquor licenses:—Heron, Lindeman, Hayman, Magnetic and Dunk Islands.

MOON PHASES

Low tides occur during the day when the moon phase is either new or full and tourists who desire the best conditions for reefing should therefore arrange to visit the islands during the phases of full or new moon.

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TURTLES AND BIRDS

The summer months are best for turtles and birds, but during the winter months turtles are occasionally seen in waters around the islands.

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FISHING

The best time for fishing in the Barrier regions is from the middle of August to the end of October. Spanish mackerel is the main sporting fish. Other light game-fish (surface-feeders) include queenfish, tuna, turrum, albacore, diamond trevally, bonito, and giant pike. Swordfish and sailfish have been brought to gaff on numerous occasions. Reef fish (bottom-feeders) include king snapper, red emperor, hussar, parrot-fish, blue spotted-groper, coral cod, silver bream, file-fish, morwong, haretail, coral perch, and many other species.

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FISHING GEAR

Particulars of suitable fishing tackle for respective island resorts may be obtained on application to offices of the Queensland Government Tourist Bureau, also particulars and costs of fishing gear which is available for hire at certain resorts.

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ISLAND STORES

For the convenience of visitors most of the island resorts have a small store with limited stocks of tobacco, cigarettes, matches, confectionery, soap, aspros, soft drinks, etc. When the island resort is selected by the client full particulars of what may be purchased there can be obtained on request at offices of the Queensland Government Tourist Bureau.

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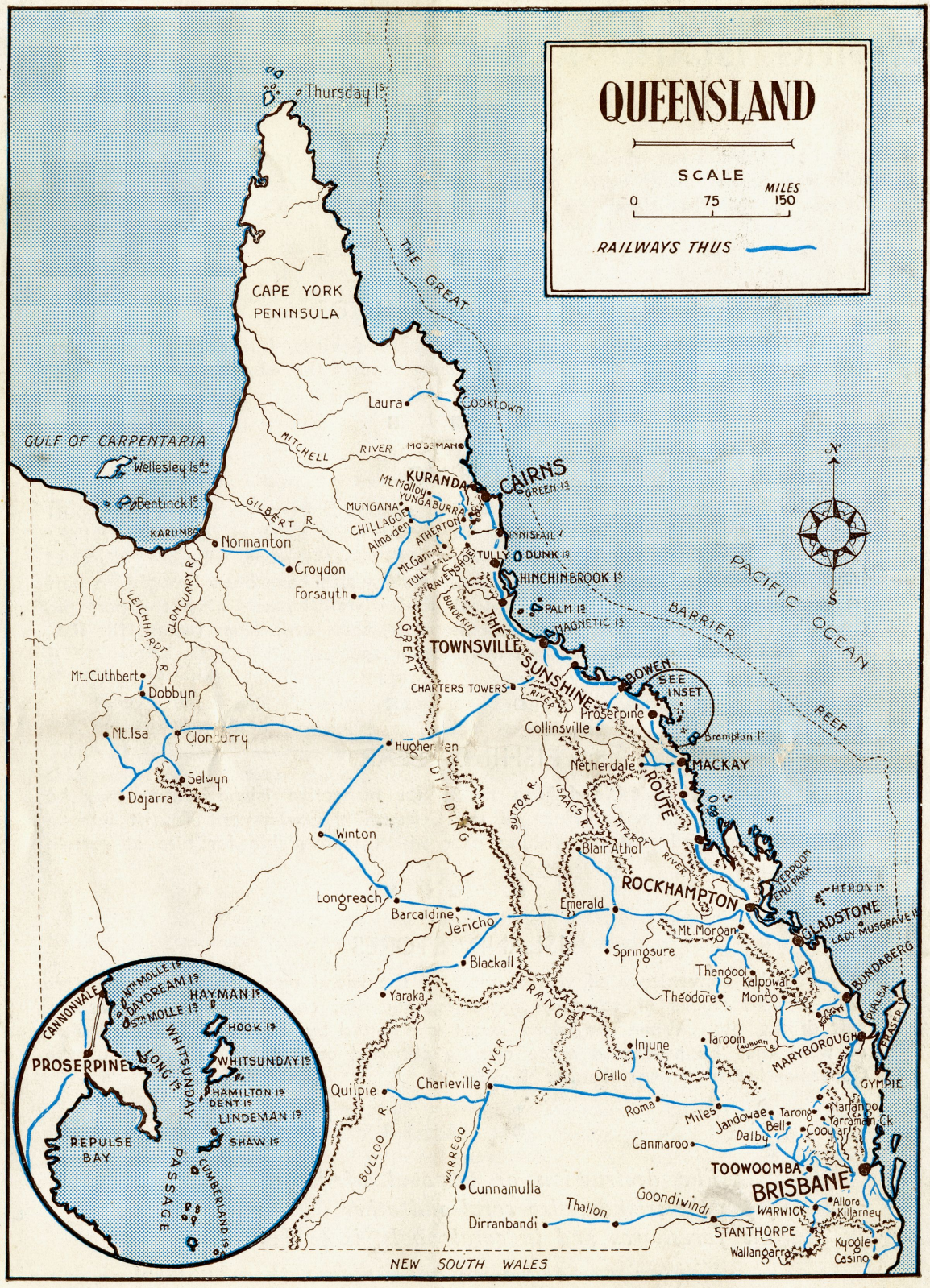
The destruction or removal of flora and fauna from the islands, also coral and other marine life along the foreshores and in coral pools, is prohibited.

Visitors are requested to preserve these natural assets for posterity and assist in preventing cruelty to turtles and birds.

Dogs are not allowed on island resorts which form part of National Parks.



For rail, road, sea, and air bookings consult the

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